



# Stanford PACS

Center on Philanthropy  
and Civil Society

## ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION JUNIOR SCHOLARS FORUM

### Junior Scholars Forum

June 8 – 10, 2017

We are excited to announce that the Junior Scholars Forum, which has been run by Stanford PACS for the last three years, is now generously funded by the **Rockefeller Foundation** for the next five years.

The annual Rockefeller Foundation Junior Scholars Forum brings together newer researchers, including graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty, working in the general areas of civil society, the nonprofit sector, and philanthropy to increase the sense of intellectual community and enhance the overall quality of research. The goal of the forum is to highlight exciting work being done by young scholars and to contribute to the development of their scholarship. This year, for the Junior Scholars Forum 2017, we will host the forum on Stanford University campus.

In summer 2014 the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society hosted its inaugural Junior Scholars Forum, a gathering that brought together newer researchers with senior scholars for two days of presentations, intensive discussions and socializing. The forum highlighted exciting work being done in the fields of philanthropy and civil society. The 11 junior scholars selected for the inaugural forum were drawn from a competitive pool of applications and came from political science, economics, sociology, anthropology, and other disciplines.

Each paper selected will have two discussants, one an established scholar working in the area of research, the other a graduate student or a postdoctoral fellow who is also working on the topic. The forum will provide ample time for discussion and meals together so that we can begin build an intellectual community that we hope will last beyond forum. We are open to a wide variety of topic areas.



*2016 Junior Scholars Forum participants,  
Berlin*



Without limiting submissions to items on this list, here is description of some themes that we are particularly interested in and in which there is active work under way at Stanford:

- The expansion of global governance, particularly transnational organizations and their causes and impact
- The role of social movements and advocacy groups in policy reform or revolt efforts at measuring effectiveness in the social sector
- The relationship between philanthropy and democracy
- New organizational forms, ranging from hybrids to b corps, from cooperatives to for-profits with a purported social mission; corporate social responsibility; impact investing
- Novel approaches to analyzing the role of social capital in civil society
- New open models of public media and knowledge, ranging from journalism to encyclopedias to scientific production

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## SUBMISSION DETAILS

We welcome submissions by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows as well as junior faculty. We want to cast a wide net and welcome submissions from a robust variety of disciplines and professional schools. The committee will favor solo-authored papers from junior scholars, and papers that examined civil society and philanthropy through new lenses.

**Please submit your research paper here by February 13, 2017.**

If you have any questions contact Woubzena Jifar, Program Manager – External Relations, at [woubzena@stanford.edu](mailto:woubzena@stanford.edu).

We will select eight to eleven papers for the 2017 Rockefeller Foundation Junior Scholars Forum. The “we” includes the faculty co-directors of the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, other Stanford Faculty, and several distinguished members of the larger academic community who will join us at the June forum. We will notify all applicants of the outcomes by March 17, 2017. Funding will be provided to cover travel expenses and accommodations will be provided.